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Cable Branch Report - September 1953

A. Summary of interesting information.

1. The Cable Branch coordinated with the Operations Staff, OCD, and the Special Support Staff, OCI, in preparing instructions for the CIA Watch Officer re Department of State cables. Under an arrangement with the Department of State, the CIA Watch Officer is now making pick-ups of cables at 2000 and 0200, and in certain cases, when the State Duty Officer informs the CIA Watch Officer that he has "night action" cables. These cables are delivered to the Cable Branch each morning at 0700 for immediate processing on an agency-wide basis.

This new operation give CIA twenty-four hour cable coverage from the Department of State.

2. As of 22 September, the Cable Branch is now the single point of receipt for sensitive material emanating from the Policy Reports Staff of the Department of State. The [] area channel has been consolidated with the [] area channel, thus providing a single control point within CIA for the dissemination and record of that type of material.

3. The Cable Branch is providing support for OCI and RQM/OIS in the form of certain records re cables received each day by the Cable Branch. Carbon copies of TS logs are provided to OCI, while carbon copies of all logs are provided to RQM/OIS. This procedure eliminates the duplication and effort in preparing cable logs in OCI and RQM/OIS, thus providing efficient and expeditious handling of cables by these two Offices.

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